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ON the 10th Inſtant the Court being at Balſain received the agreeable News, that the Marriage of the Prince of Aſturias with Madamoiſelle de Montpenſier, fourth Daughter of the Duke of Orleans, had been declared at Paris. Their Catholick Majeſties were complimented upon it by the chief Perſons of the Court, and that Night there was a Ball there: The next Day their Majeſties went to Segovia, where in the Church of our Lady of Fuenciſla Te Deum was ſung; and Illuminations with other publick Demonſtrations of Joy were made in this City three Nights ſucceſſively on this Occaſion. His Catholick Majeſty has ſince nominated the Officers of the Houſhold for the Prince of Aſturias, and his Conſort; thoſe for the former are, the Duke of Popoli, the Conde de Altamira, the Conde de Santiſtevan, the Duke of Gandia, the Marqueſs de los Balbaſes, the Marqueſs del Surco, the Conde de Saſateli, and the Conde de Arenales; for the latter, the Marqueſs de Valero now Viceroy of Mexico, the Marqueſs de Caſtel-Rodrigo, Don Juan Pizarro de Aragon Son of the Marqueſs de San Juan, the Conde de Anguiſola, the Dutcheſs of Montellano, the Dutcheſs of Liria, the Marchioneſs de Torrecuſo, and the Marchioneſs de Aſentar, and for her Confeſſor Father Ignatius Laubruſel a Jeſuite. His Majeſty has alſo nominated the Marqueſs of Santa Cruz, to conduct the Queen of France to the Frontier and to receive there Madamoiſelle de Montpenſier; and he is to have the Direction of their reſpective Houſeholds going and coming. On the 10th died Don Miguel Fernandez Duran, Marqueſs of Toloſa, in the 40th Year of his Age: He had been for ſome Years Secretary of State, and at War, of the Marine, and of the Council of the Indies, and was lately made one of the Council of the Indies. The King having been informed, that an Agent of the Duke of St. Simon was hiring a Houſe for him in this City, was pleaſed to ſignify to him that he would give Order for fitting up Apartments for the Duke in the Palace of Buen-Retiro. The Marqueſs de Grimaldo, Secretary of State, has, with his Catholick Majeſty's Permiſſion, received from the Miniſter of France, the moſt Chriſtian King's Picture, ſet with Diamonds to a great Value. The Chamber of Commerce of Andaloufia, has made a free Gift to the King of 30000 Piſtoles, in Acknowledgment of his Favour in allowing thoſe who were intereſted in the Plate brought by the laſt Flota from New-Spain, to receive it from on board directly, without its being firſt ſent to the Mint.

Paris, Nov. 12. Madamoiſelle de Montpenſier's Departure for Spain is fixed to the 17th Inſtant: She will be 38 Days on the Road from hence to Bayonne, where the Infanta of Spain will arrive about the ſame Day. The Prince of Rohan is named to conduct that Princeſs to the Frontiers of Spain, and to receive the Infanta there: Theſe two Princeſſes are to be carried in Chairs, where the Roads are bad. The 10th Inſtant the Dutcheſs of Vantadour, together with the Princeſs Soubize, and the reſt of the Ladies that are to go to meet the Infanta, went to the King to receive his Majeſty's Commands; and on the 16th Inſtant Madamoiſelle de Montpenſier will take her Leave of the King at the Tuilleries, and ſoon after his Majeſty will return her the Viſit at the Palais Royal, and wiſh her a good Journey. The Duke d'Oſſuna is removed to the Hôtel of Ambaſſadours, where he will continue during his Stay here. His publick Audience is put off till To-Morrow. It ſeems the Difficulties the Court of Spain had ſtarted, on Account of the Duke of St. Simon's Retinue following him into Spain, becauſe of the Apprehenſion of the Plague, are removed; and all Perſons that attended the ſaid Duke have been allowed to follow him, together with all his Equipage. The Marqueſs de la Farre ſet out Yeſterday Morning for Spain on the Part of the Duke Regent. The Plague has broke out at Alais in Languedoc; that Place has been ſince blocked up by a ſufficient Number of Troops. The Marqueſs de Brancas is to ſet out this Week, to take upon him the Command of the Troops in the Comtat. Orders are ſent into all the Provinces to prohibit the Tranſportation of all ſorts of Merchandizes into ſuch Countries as have interrupted Commerce with France on Account of the Plague. The Marſhal Berwick has alſo cauſed an Ordonnance to be publiſhed, prohibiting the Tranſportation of the Corn of Languedoc into any of the neighbouring Provinces, upon the Penalty of a Fine of 1000 Livres. Circular Letters have been ſent by the Government to all the Counſellours of the Parliament of Paris, ſummoning them to be in Town on the 19th Inſtant, in order to deliberate upon Matters of great Importance which will then be laid before them.

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